

FORD MOYNES

on the

MAIN STREET



"Cab Driver, Once More 'Round the Block" is a song which has become popular across the country because of the homey and artistic interpretation of the famous Mills Brothers. Four colored gentlemen, warbling as only singers from the background of Dixie can sing.

Cab drivers years ago had many customers in Lindsay and there were two or three who had a big clientele, including Jim Workman, H. W. Workman, Brien Dunnigle and "Friday" Madison. No one seemed to know his real first name. He was friendly, courteous and loquacious. He sat bolt upright and straight on his elevated front seat and he was patronized by many of the so-called elite in Lindsay.

There was a time when this town had its "upper crust" as distinguished from those living "across the tracks". "Friday" had his special customers, and one was Judge Mc-Millan who used the hack going to and from the court house and when going to the railway stations.

"Friday" and his pals loved to gather in the livery barn for Saturday or Sunday parties when crackers and cheese were washed down the hatch by hard liquor and perhaps a few beers, and it was Friday's job to gather sticks of wood to "keep the home fires burning". One Monday morning when the cabby called for his friend the judge, the administrator of the law opened the cab door and had to sit on

slabs of cold hardwood, which "Friday" had failed to remove from the vehicle following the party of the previous night.

"Friday" came to an untimely death when his charred remains were found in the ruins of a cabin in the south end of the town, which he called home . . .